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SUBJECT: CSCE: US POLICY ON BREZHNEV CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

1. AS DELEGATION IS AWARE, DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE
BREZHNEV PROPOSALS FOR PAN EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON
ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY
FOR SOME TIME IN THE ECE. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN
CONSIDERATION AMONG THE NATO ALLIES AND IN THE EC-9.
WORK IN THE ECE HAS GONE FURTHEST ON THE ENVIRONMENT
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CONFERENCE AND A DECISION ON WHETHER TO HOLD SUCH A
CONFERENCE WILL BE TAKEN AT THE 33RD ECE PLENARY NEXT
SPRING. CONSIDERATION OF THE ENERGY AND TRANSPORT IDEAS
IS LESS ADVANCED AND FURTHER WORK BY THE ECE WAS IMPLICITLY
DEFERRED UNTIL THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE ISSUE IS
DECIDED. THE ECE 32ND SESSION ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND
GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH THESE CONFERENCES.

2. THE SOVIETS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RAISE THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE. THE FRG HAS ARGUED THAT THE WEST SHOULD TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE ENERGY PROPOSAL AND AUSTRIA IS EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS ON BOTH ENERGY AND TRANSPORT.

3. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS AND THE INTEREST THEY ARE LIKELY TO RAISE AT THE BELGRADE MEETING, THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY ALL ASPECTS OF THE IDEAS. DELEGATION SHOULD THEREFORE REFRAIN FROM COMMITTING US ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ON TREATMENT OF BREZHNEV PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE UNTIL DEPARTMENT HAS HAD CHANCE TO COMPLETE REVIEW. TO AID IN OUR CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES INVOLVED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF CURRENT THINKING AMONG ALLIES, NNAS AND SOVIETS AND ALLIES ON THE PROPOSALS.

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